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Man Sentenced to Prison for Breaking into Home, Raping Woman in Long Beach

A 30-year-old man was sentenced today to 185 years-to-life in state prison for breaking into a Long Beach home and sexually assaulting a woman, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On Nov. 10, 2016, a jury found Deitrick Paul Richmond guilty of eight felony counts in case NA100228: three counts of forcible rape, two counts of forcible oral copulation, and one count each of first-degree burglary, person present, first-degree residential robbery and dissuading a witness from reporting a crime.

Jurors also found true a special allegation that the defendant committed the burglary with the intent to commit a sex crime. Additionally, that the defendant personally used a deadly and dangerous weapon, a knife, in the commission of the crimes.

Deputy District Attorney Kelly Kelley of the Victim Impact Program, who prosecuted the case, said on the morning of Sept. 7, 2014, Richmond broke into a Long Beach home and violently assaulted the female resident. The defendant then took some of the victim's belongings before he left her home.

After the assault, law enforcement was notified about the attack and authorities began an investigation. Three days later, police located Richmond and arrested him in connection with the assault.

The case was investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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